



Community Coordination Team Meeting Notes

Tuesday, August 21, 2007
UDOT Region Three Offices
6-7 p.m.

Attendees:

Lee Berge - L.A. Auto
Barry Bezzant - Orchard Elementary
Steve Bonner - UDOT Safety
Mark Cherrington - Orchard South
Gary Giles - Orem City Police Department
Diane Knight - Orchard North
Dave Wakefield - Wells Fargo
J.D. Willardson - Windsor South
Neal Winterton - Orem City Engineering
Todd Andrus - Condie Construction
Sam Bernard - Condie Construction
Dave Martindale - Condie Construction
Gary Nelson - Condie Construction
Geoff Dupaix - UDOT Public Involvement Coordinator
Jack Lyman - UDOT Resident Engineer
Lucy Park - The Langdon Group
Justin Smart - The Langdon Group

Review of Agenda/Materials Update - Justin Smart

- Introduction of CCT members for Mr. Dave Wakefield, who is just joining the CCT
- Distributed materials were: Updated contact info sheet, meeting notes from July 17th, and the Pre-Construction Survey tally which started UDOT's work
 - Justin noted the following survey points
 - Item #4 - Top Levels of Concern
 - Length of time under construction
 - Traffic movement
 - Detours during construction
 - CCT members can use this as a gauge as they talk with folks about the results of the project
 - Item #5 - How people stay informed about Construction Projects
 - Project websites
 - State and City websites
 - City Newsletter
 - Item #6 - Most Preferred Resources for Schedule/Activity Information
 - Email updates were the most preferred tool
 - Electronic road signs
 - Flyers delivered to houses
 - Open Comment Section: If contact info was given, we responded to the comment; this response is found in your contact report from a few months ago

- Justin: Monthly contact reports have been provided to CCT voters for the period between this meeting and last, so please talk to me if you have any questions

Contractor Report to CCT - Condie Construction

- Public Information - Sam Bernard
 - Public Information is addressed through Condie's coordination with Justin, UDOT, and the weekly UDOT partnering meeting
 - Weekly Partnering Meetings: Review 1-2 week schedule regarding road closures and major delays
 - Flyers: Sam hands out a flyer if he's on-site and delivers it house-to-house; typically uses this for water outages, etc. (more immediate issues)
- Timely Public Response - Sam
 - Water shutoffs: When water has to be turned off for neighbors just north of 800 N., Condie does it street-by-street, and informs neighbors personally that the water will be shut-off. Sam leaves these stakeholders with his contact information, and Condie tries to finish the task between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm, usually ending by 3:00 p.m. Condie is not presently doing the work on the south side of 800 N.
- Access - Sam
 - Parking: Neither contractors nor sub-contractors park in front of the homes of residents. There has been a concerned resident who reports someone parking in front of her house on 60 E., but Sam has visited the site twice and the car has been removed. It is not Condie's car and Sam believes it belongs to a neighbor of the woman.
 - With pavement going down in residential areas, most parking is away from certain homes and the problem is expected to diminish.
 - Lee Berge indicated in the area of 200 E. there was a citizen who was concerned with their parking practices; he wondered if this could be the same resident
 - Road closures on Main Street: Whenever this happens, Sam calls dispatch, and they call the fire department, the paramedics, and the Orem city police.
 - Condie will close side streets, such as Main Street on 800 N., during daytime paving operations, but these streets will be open in the evenings. Condie is proactive in getting the word out when streets are closed.
 - Todd Andrus: Starting today paving will make side street access difficult. We have to cut 9 inches straight down in some places in order to pave the road correctly. There will be no gravel ramps for cars to physically pull off the road.
 - J.D. Willardson complimented the Orem City Police Department for the way they're handling access and safety. He specifically noted a woman making a U-turn and causing traffic issues. He said Orem PD intervened. Compliments to Gary Giles.
 - Geoff Dupaix noted that motorists should pull off the roadway to avoid hindering the traffic behind you if something malfunctions
 - Pedestrian Walkways: At 800 E. and State Street people can now approach a pedestrian pole and push a button to cross the street. This morning Sam checked with the crossing guards on the corner of State Street and 800 N. to see how many pedestrians came by for the pre-school. Crossing guards had not seen a lot of pedestrian/school traffic.
 - Diane Knight noted that 700 E. is a concern for jay-walking Junior High students. Barry Bezzant confirmed.

- Safety & Site Organization - Sam
 - Work zone inspection: Every week Steve Bonner from UDOT does a random work-zone inspection. This week he gave Condie a score of 91. There were some sub-contractor issues on the job, so Condie re-addressed these issues with the sub-contractor and received a new score of 98 from Steve.
 - Steve Bonner stated that he's concerned with traffic control and worker safety. Although 91 isn't a great score, on the whole Condie had done a good job. He uses the score to encourage people to look more closely at what they're doing on-the-job.
 - Steve noted he had another concern with pedestrian safety and people walking through the construction site after hours. He has given Condie some tips on how to analyze risk and prevent accidents, and noted the reason that there have been so few accidents so far is due to Condie's proactive approach.
- Summary - Sam
 - This has been a quiet month for Condie in dealing with the community. Since the citizens can see the curb and gutter and pavement going in place, the community's morale seems good.
- Schedule - Dave Martindale & Todd Andrus
 - State Street: Asphalt operations have begun and will extend to State Street, where work on the northeast quadrant will continue through next week. Traffic will be opened up for the Labor Day Holiday at State and 800 North, and then State Street will be shut back down so work on the northwest quadrant can begin.
 - Sound wall: The sound wall is constructed up to 750 East. Additional work remains between Main and 750, but Condie will return to finish it up.
 - 600 East: Currently working to move the sewer/irrigation line on 600 E. Additional work will be necessary in this area to get another lane in. We also have to move around the church on that street to get asphalt in, so 600 E. has been closed off on the south side.
 - Paving on 800 North: By Labor Day, paving on the north side of 800 N. will be completed up to L.A. Auto. A large gap will remain due to the canal on that street. Condie will not be able to fill that pavement gap until water is out of the canal; water will not be shut-off until the 15th of October.
 - Curb & Gutter: After Labor Day, 400 E. will be shut down; Condie will be putting in curb & gutter up to 800 E.

CCT/ General Public Issues - Community Coordination Team

- Lee Berge stated that the telephone poles on 800 E. are really close to the road
 - Todd Andrus noted that storm drain and gas lines are preventing the poles from being moved any further. Their placement is due to the location of pipes and utilities.
- Lee described how on 800 N. cars used to hit a cement manhole cover in front of L.A. Auto. Now just horse trailers or trailers that have a tandem axle on them catch it and make a loud sound. This is a distracting noise for customers.
 - Todd: Modern manholes have been improved upon, but manholes in that area will now primarily be in the sidewalk
 - Dave Martindale and Jack Lyman described how the way the road has been widened or changed over time makes it hard to keep the manhole in the center of the street. This project should improve the situation in front of L.A. Auto
- Lee asked if the 800 N. canal will be re-routed to the south. Todd indicated that it would be.
- Jack Lyman stated that as committee representatives, the CCT needs to tell people that just because it's black (paved area), it doesn't mean you drive on it. Barriers will

- block it off and traffic will be carefully controlled. The road will have the same access points but vehicles won't be able to drive down the north side of the road.
- **BYU Football season:** Diane Knight asked if Condie would put up signs on the freeway or make announcements to avoid 800 N. during football season
 - Jack Lyman stated if UDOT is able to keep traffic moving with two lanes in both directions, we should be able to handle BYU football games
 - Geoff Dupaix stated that he handles UDOT's communication of construction delays related to BYU games/other large events. He also noted that there is significant coordination with Orem police department to help direct traffic.
 - Gary Giles state that for the 4th of July Stadium of Fire, Orem City PD had to get volunteer officers to direct at State Street, Main Street, 400 E., 800 E., and 800 N. With BYU football games, they have plenty of officers scheduled to work, and stationed on 800 N. and University Ave. He also looked at the BYU schedule and most games are on Saturday nights, while two are on Thursday nights.
 - Justin noted that feedback indicated during a power outage when officers directed traffic, flow along the route was the same or better than when the signals were operating. This bodes well for large events where officers are involved.
 - **Split Phasing/Left-Turns:** Jack Lyman stated that by eliminating split phasing at traffic signals, they eliminate some of that third-leg traffic that slows everything down, although traffic movements are also limited. UDOT will not make a sign that announces "no left turns," but will take down the split phasing whereby the signal pattern allows them to turn left. That way only a few cars will make the turn to hold up traffic, hopefully.
 - Geoff Dupaix stated that there is a cost issue associated with doing split phasing in a project. UDOT met with Mayor Washburn, Richard Manning, and a few others to discuss this issue last week.
 - Gary Giles said that signage at Main Street would be good if that's where the left turns will be allowed. He also suggested that locating a sign at the entryway to the project, and announcing something like: "Left Turns at such-and-such street Only" would be a nice feature. That way people would less often panic, would be less likely to make left turns anyway, and would give fewer complaints.
 - Jack Lyman said they would continue to watch and analyze the situation. The team has reviewed split phasing and believes that they can get by now with just a few people making left turn movements without arrows.
 - **Incentive Ballot:** Justin indicated that he had received no additions or edits to the reviewed incentive ballot, so what we distributed on 7/17/07 is the final version
 - **Project Newsletter:** Justin indicated the project team is drafting the newsletter and it will be ready for this fall
 - **School Safety:** Barry Bezzant said school started today without difficulty on 800 E.
 - **Public Safety:** Gary Giles stated that public safety issues are minimal. He said the community is used to adjusting. He had received feedback that access as you come off Main Street is really bumpy due to lots of holes on Main Street, but it won't be an issue much longer.
 - **School Bus Schedules:** J.D. Willardson asked about school bus coordination with school starting. He noted that buses have schedules that need to be kept. Hopefully we can keep them going without delay.
 - Justin stated that the project team has Alpine School District director of buses on the email update list.
 - **Traffic Control:** Steve Bonner said that given the complexity of traffic control he thought Nate, Condie's traffic control supervisor, should be complimented.
 - Lee Berge said you can tell that Condie is there to get the job done.

- Dave Wakefield said his customers recognize that this is an inconvenience. He also noted that left-turns continue to be an issue for him as one who crosses the route to-and-from home. There are a lot of people who will turn left no matter what, and stop everything to do it. Regardless of how many signs are up people will turn.
 - Gary Giles said the complaint in that instance is that officers aren't enforcing the no-left turn rule. But when officers are out there people complain that they should have something better to do.

For Next Meeting

- Justin noted that some team members had issues with the regularly-scheduled third Tuesday in September
 - Justin queried the group on moving the date. The group decided to move the date a week later, to:
 - **Next month's CCT will be on Tuesday, September 25, at 6 p.m.**